

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The News from All Parts of the World.

**ARBORE.**  
A dispatch from Shanghai says that \$5,000 Chinese troops under Li Hung Chang are massed at Pei Ho. The works at Fort Arthur, on the Gulf of Pechili, built by German artillery officers, make the strongest fortress in the north of China. They are mounted with heavy Gatling and Nordenfled guns. The entrance to the port is guarded with torpedoes. The Chinese have warned the French that they intend to make an attack. Letters from the French fleet at Kelang state that Admiral Courbet is ill and worried over his forced inaction. It is feared that he cannot continue the operations. The Chinese have no result. The mortality among the French troops is increasing. A number of bandits entered a Catholic church and the house of the priest at Cordos, in Spanish Sahara, last week, for the purpose of pillage. Failing to get money, they tied the priest in a heap of straw and burned him to death. An earthquake occurred at Madrid, Spain, and several houses were slightly damaged. Some alarm was caused by the shock at the Opera House and in the populous parts of the city. The shocks were felt at Gibraltar, and two persons were killed by falling walls. Official reports show that 260 persons were killed in the Province of Malaga and Granada. The population of Granada are still concerned in the earthquake, and the richer classes are lodging in carriages along the promenade. The facade of the Cathedral was seriously damaged by the shock. The Alhambra was not damaged. The houses were destroyed in Jimena, and a whole family was killed in the village of Cajar by the falling of a chimney. Over half of the inhabitants of Albuñol were killed. Granada is mostly in ruins. The Province of Malaga suffered equally as much damage as did Granada. Commerce is paralyzed. Two hundred houses at Alfaratejo were damaged. The shock was not felt in the northern and northern provinces. The headquarters of the dynamite conspirators is said to be in Paris, but the funds come from America. It is reported that the recent explosion at London Bridge was the work of the same three months ago by a man who is now in America. Two men were sent to London to execute the plot in September, but a delay occurred. They are now there. The condition of affairs in Russia grows worse daily. Plot after plot against the Government is discovered, only to be renewed as soon as suppressed. The press is in a state of terror, and the Government is in a state of alarm. Russia is more and more incensed, and is paving the way to a tremendous explosion.

**CHINA'S CASTLE.**  
The Blake Opera House and Hotel at Racine, Wis., was burned on the 28th ult. Three lives were lost. Charles Smith and Henry Davis, both colored, were arrested last week for arson. The hotel was owned by Clayton, N. C. They were taken from the guard at Clayton on the night of the 22d and carried to the Neuse River, where they were bound with chains and thrown into the water. An electric wire was run along the railroad track near Purvis, Miss., a few days ago, by which a train was wrecked and the engineer killed. The crime was traced to a merchant at Purvis, who had been charged with the crime. Saturday morning last he was taken from the jail and hanged. The funeral of the children who lost their lives by the fire at the Brooklyn N. Y. street, was held on Sunday last. The charred remains of the 21 victims were placed in three coffins, and after funeral services were held in the Cemetery of the Holy Cross, N. J., on the Jersey Central Railroad, on Friday last, a workman picked up close to the track a package containing 50 dynamite cartridges, and was taken for explosion. It is supposed to be an infernal machine intended to wreck a train. An old lady named Booth, living in Allegheny City, Pa., was attacked on the 24th ult. by a man who beat her face and head into an unrecognizable mass and fractured her skull with a poker. The young man has been insane for years, but was never considered dangerous. After a desperate struggle he was overpowered and taken to jail. Tibbitts Clark, of Bridgeport, Conn., aged 29 years, visited an anatomical museum last week. At the sight of one of the figures exhibited in the museum, he fell against the glass, cutting himself fatally against the glass. Abraham Juma, a grocer of Park Ridge, N. J., was shot and killed in his store Tuesday night last week by a negro who escaped. Rosa Carey, resident of Philadelphia, who was on a visit to her sister in Trenton, N. J., while crossing the Belvidere railroad track last week, was struck by a train and instantly killed. She was literally cut to pieces. Tuesday afternoon of last week Harlan Taylor, the Town Marshal of Morganfield, Ky., was shot and instantly killed by Sam Hoffman, whom he was attempting to arrest. Railroad and Stearns' grain elevator at Dallas, Tex., was burned on the 25th ult. Loss, \$80,000. Two men were burned to death in the upper story. Mr. Baldwin offered \$2,000 for the rescue. Fire at West Junction, N. Y., on the 26th ult., destroyed two 50,000 barrel oil tanks. Loss, \$100,000. Fifteen business houses in Clarksville, Tex., were burned on the 26th ult. Loss, \$50,000.

**INDUSTRIAL.**  
The National Tube Works Company, at McKeesport, Pa., closed last week for an indefinite period. Over 2,000 men will be thrown out of employment. The receivers of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company on Saturday last issued an order reducing salaries, to take effect January 1, of the officers, agents, and other employees, except those of trainmen, wharf laborers, and crews of steam colliers. The reduction ranges from eight to 20 per cent. It is estimated that the proposed reduction will save to the company from one million to one million and a half of dollars per annum. Bear Ridge No. 1 and No. 2 and Station colliers, near Mahanoy Plane and Indian Ridge, and Plank Ridge colliers, at Snieland, Pa., have shut down indefinitely. This will throw out of employment over 2,000 men and boys. These colliers are owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and nearly \$80,000 per month was paid out for wages at the five mines. The river coal miners in Pennsylvania have abandoned their strike for an advance of a half cent per bushel in the price of mining.

**POLITICAL.**  
The election held on the 23d ult. in the Nineteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John A. Duncan, resulted in the election of Dr. John A. Swope, Democrat, of Gettysburg, by an estimated majority of 5,500 over Dr. C. H. Bressler, Republican, of Harrisburg.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
Thomas Van Valin, aged 104 years, 11 months and 13 days, died at Syracuse, N. Y., Christmas Day. He was a pensioner of the War of 1812, and had lived in Syracuse 52 years. Richard Coyle, a fresco painter, died in Bridgeport, Conn., last week, of a peculiar disease. His bones had apparently turned to chalk, and he was barely able to stand and walk. He had been broken several times recently by merely raising it from the bed. A lady has submitted to Mayor Martin, of Boston, a motion picture. It is to create a fund the income of which shall be used annually for the care of the deaf children in the primary schools whose parents are unable to pay for their education. It is proposed to contribute \$50,000 towards the fund, and that others may be interested. At the suggestion of the Mayor she will first try the experiment in one school, and then W. H. Sherman addressed the Military Service Institute at Governor's Island, New York, yesterday, on "The Military Necessities of the United States." Gen. Hancock, Capt. Bedford Ford of the British army, and other distinguished soldiers were present. James B. Fry, of Fulton Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., while digging recently in a marshy place on his farm discovered a petrified human body. The remains are thought to be those of a driver who disappeared many years ago while on his way from Rising Sun, Md., to Wakefield, Pa. A statue of Frederick Lauer, the Reading bridge builder, is to be erected in America, in the latter in Lauer Park, Reading, under the auspices of the Brewster Association. The statue will cost \$25,000.

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